# **Temptation verses**

## Genesis 3:6: What looks good to the eyes can be a temptation

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make {one} wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

#### Genesis 39:7-13: Satan will try to wear you down; RUN!

It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me {here,} my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge. (She tempted; he refused)

"There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?" As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her {or} be with her. (She kept tempting)

Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside. (**He had to run**)

#### Judges 16:16-20: Delilah kept pushing; Samson didn't run

It came about when she **pressed him daily** with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death; **So he told her all {that was} in his heart** and said to her, "A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I will become weak and be like any {other} man."; She said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." (He thought he could handle the pressure) But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

## Job 1:12: God allows temptation

Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

#### Job 2:9: Job's wife encourages him to curse God and die. He refuses!

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

#### Job 2: 21 The unwise are lead along

With her many persuasions she entices him; With her flattering lips she seduces him.

# Job 2:22-23 He gives in and pays for it (certainly spiritually)

Suddenly he follows her As an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as {one in} fetters to the discipline of a fool, Until an arrow pierces through his liver; As a bird hastens to the snare, So he does not know that it {will cost him} his life.

#### Job 2:26: This has happened before!

For many are the victims she has cast down, And numerous are all her slain.

# Proverbs 7:4-5: Knowing God's Word and His wisdom keeps us from the one who would tempt us

Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding {your} intimate friend; That they may keep you from an adulteress, From the foreigner who flatters with her words.

#### I Kings 21:7: Jezebel provokes Ahab

Jezebel his wife said to him, " Do you now reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

# I Chronicles 21:1,8: Satan used pride to get to David (David numbered or counted Israel's troops) – God was displeased at David's pride (I Chr. 21:8)

Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel; David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

#### Zechariah 3:1-5: God protects us in temptation

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel.

He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes."

Then I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by.

#### Matthew 4:1-10: Jesus quoted Scripture back to the devil

"It is written, `MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "; "On the other hand, it is written, `YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.' "; "Go, Satan! For it is written, `YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.' "

# Matthew 6:13: The Lords pattern for prayer speaks of temptation and a words we can pray at the beginning of our day

`And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

#### Matthew 26:41: We need to praying and alert to temptation

"Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

# Mark 6:22, 23, 25-26 The King was tempted with his eyes; he made a foolish promise; he ended up doing what he really didn't want to do

and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you."; and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you." And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my kingdom." Immediately she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her.

### I Corinthians 10:13: God will make a way of escape. We have to look for it!

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

#### I Timothy 6:9: Wanting to get rich can tempt us

But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

#### Hebrews 4:15: Jesus was also tempted, but didn't sin

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

#### **James 1:13-15:** God doesn't tempt; our own lusts lead us into temptation

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

#### 2 Peter 2:9: God can rescue us from temptation

"the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation,"

# I John 1:9: God forgives and fully cleanses us; we realize this only when we ask Him

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# **Verses for Times of Temptation**

### **Psalm 101:3-5 NIV**

I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil.

# Psalm 119:37 **NIV**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. **Romans 6:14 NKJV** 

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:11,13 NKJV** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. **Romans 6:22-23 NKJV** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:2 NKJV** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

# Philippians 4:13 NKJV

<sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

# 2 Timothy 2:22 NKJV

<sup>22</sup>Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

### **Titus 2:11-13 NKJV**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ

# **Hebrews 2:17-18 NIV**

For this reason he [Jesus] had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### **James 4:7 NIV**

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### 1 Peter 5:8-10 **NIV**

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

#### 2 Peter 2:9 **NIV**

then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment

## 1 John 2:15-17 **NKJV**

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever"